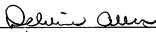


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In re Application of:	§	
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 TO  
NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED DECEMBER 18, 2006**

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 18, 2006 (the "Office Action"), Applicants submit the following:

- **Amendments to the Claims**, which are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper; and
- **Remarks/Arguments**, which begin on page 6 of this paper.